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TO: JACK C. LEDFORD

UNIT: AD/OSA

EXT: 6423

DATE: 4 JUNE 63

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LEDFORD TO JOHNSON AND

8272

1. IN VIEW OF THE LACK OF CLUES AND THE PRESENT INDICATIONS THAT WE MAY NOT OBTAIN THE ANSWERS AS TO THE CAUSE OF THE LOSS OF ACFT NBR 123 ALL A-12 ACFT ARE HEREBY REMOVED FROM GROUNDING STATUS IN ORDER TO GET ON WITH THE PROGRAM. THIS UNGROUNDING IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS:

A. ACFT WILL NOT BE FLOWN IN WX CONDITIONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

B. SUB-SONIC FLT IN LOW TEMPERATURE ENVIRONMENT, SIMILAR TO THE ENVIRONMENT WHICH NBR 123 WAS IN AT THE TIME OF LOSS WILL BE RESTRICTED TO NOT MORE THAN NINETY MINUTES FLT TIME IN THIS ENVIRONMENT.

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2. IN ADDITION, REQUEST THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS BE  
CONSIDERED AND GIVE ME YOUR COMMENTS ASAP:

- ☒ A. PROVIDE AUTOMATIC INVERTER SWITCH OVER. ✓
- ☒ B. AN ANGLE ATTACK INDICATOR. ✓
- ☒ C. A CRASH PROOF FLT RECORDER FOR THE ACFT. —
- ☒ D. A FLT TEST PILOT TYPE RECORD OF INSTRUMENT READINGS  
TO BE LOGGED BY THE PILOT EVERY FIFTEEN MINUTES IN FLT.

~~E.~~ ADDITIONAL TESTS ON FUEL TEMPERATURE SINK RATES.

3. THE PROGRAM IS AT A COMPLETE STANDSTILL. LET'S GET IT  
GOING AGAIN.

4. MY COMPLIMENTS TO YOU BOTH ON THE HANDLING OF THE LOSS  
OF NBR 123. SPECIAL BOUQUETS TO [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND THEIR PEOPLE FOR AN OUTSTANDING JOB.

END OF MESSAGE

JACK C. LEDFORD

AD/OSA

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